The Forest Department.

481. ❊MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any classified list of officers and clerks printed and published in the Forest Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether this procedure is still continued by the present Conservator of Forests; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

RAO BAHADUR T. V VENKATESWARA AIYAR. (*a*) There was a classified list of Forest Officers and Clerks printed but not published.

(*b*) and (*c*) The printing of the list was discontinued from 1114 to effect economy under Stationery and Printing charges, but lists in manuscript are still being maintained.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: പാർട്ട് ബി യിൽ ഇതു മതു എക്സ്പെരിമെൻറൽ ആയിട്ടല്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു എന്നാൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഇതു ആദ്യമായിട്ടല്ലേ തുടങ്ങുന്നതു?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: അതെ.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: അപ്പോൾ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം അതു് എക്സ്പെരിമെൻറൽ അല്ലെ

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: മെംബറിന് എക്സ് പെരിമെൻറൽ ആയിരിക്കാം.

Promotions in the Forest Department.

482. ❊MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether promotions of staff in the Forest Department are made according to seniority?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: Promotions of staff in the Forest Department are made according to seniority, subject to the rules regarding satisfactory past record of work and conduct, qualifications etc.

Sale of timber,

483. ❊MR T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of Sirkar timber sold during each of the last five years and the amount realised thereby to persons (1) within this State and (2) outside the State; and

(*b*) what is the price per unit (for each of the follcwing varieties of timbers) for which Sirkar timber has been sold to outsiders and citizens of this State;

(1) Vengai,
(2) Teak,
(3) Blackwood, and
(4) Anjili?

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RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR; *(a)* (1 and 2) No separate accounts are maintained by the Forest Department for timbers sold to persons within the State as distinguished from those sold to persons outside the State.

(b) In the matter of sale rates, no distinction is made between Travancoreans and outsiders as sales are effected by open public auction. But in the case of the former, timber is sold at tariff or average sale price whichever is higher for bonafide personal use. These rates are variable.

The tariff rates per c. ft. for the given species of timber are as follows:—

1.	Vengai		B. Rs. 4 per c. ft.
2.	Teak.		
	I Class	...	10-0-0 „
	II Do.	...	7-8-0 „
	III Do.	...	4-8-0 „
3.	Blackwood I	...	6-0-0 „
	Do. II	...	4-8-0 „
	Do. III	...	3-0-0 „
4.	Anjily	...	4-0-0 „

Firewood supplied to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., Alwaye.

484. *MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of firewood supplied per month by the Government to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., Alwaye and at what rate; and

(b) the quantity of soft-wood that is supplied by the Government per mensem for the Vanchinad Match Industry Ltd., at Perumbavoor and if so at what rate?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: *(a)* Supplies have not yet commenced.

(*b*) The quantity of soft wood contracted for supply in 1946 is 5,600 candies and the rates for supply at factory site are B. Re. 1-10-0 per c. ft. for logs of and above 60" mid-girth and B. Re. 1-3-0 per c. ft. for logs of 30" to 59" mid-girth. The rates for supply at other places of delivery are as under.

B. Re. 1-8-0 per cft. for logs of & above			60 mid-girth	Delivered at Varapuzha and Elanthicara Depots.
B. Re. 1-1-0	do.	do.	of 30" to 59" do.	
B. Re. 1-4-0	do.	do.	of & above 60" do.	Road side delivery in Neriamangalam Range.
B. Re. 0-13-0	do.	do.	of 30" to 59" do.	

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Fertilisers and Chemicals are to receive the firewood in a block or are they to be supplied as a coupe?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: The question does not arise.

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